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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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FOR RCAA ACTION ALSO PASS FAA

FOLLOWING TEHRAN 1911 SENT ACTION SECSTATE FEB. 24 REPEATED  
TO YOU QUOTE

UNCLAS TEHRAN 1911

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, IR

SUBJ: CIVAIR: GOI COMPLAINT AGAINST ALASKAN AIRLINES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY  
COMPLAINING OF ALASKAN AIRLINES LANDING IN IRAN WITHOUT PRIOR  
CLEARANCE. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE:

ON FEB. 4, 1976, ALASKAN AIRLINES' AMERICAN HERCLUES AIRCRAFT  
N9232R WITHOUT PREVIOUS PERMISSION FLEW OVER IRAN AND LANDED  
AT ESHAHAN AIRPORT. THE PILOT DID NOT KNOW THAT IT WAS NECES-  
SARY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION IN ADVANCE OF FLIGHT. THE PILOT WAS  
GIVEN NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS THAT SUCH IS A REQUIREMENT AND  
AIRCRAFT AND PILOT WERE RELEASED. AT A LATER DATE A SECOND  
CRAFT BELONGING TO ALASKAN AIRLINES FLEW OVER IRAN (IT IS NOT  
STATED WHETHER IT IS SAME CRAFT AND/OR PILOT) WITHOUT PREVIOUS  
PERMISSION, AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. THE ACTION OF ALASKAN  
AIRLINES IN FLYING OVER AND/OR LANDING IN IRAN WITHOUT PREVIOUS  
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PERMISSION IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE AND SUCH ACTION CREATES A

SITUATION OF DANGER. WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE  
EMBASSY OF THE U.S. INSTRUCT ALASKAN AIRLINES AND OTHER AMERICAN  
AIRLINES WITH REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PREVIOUS PERMISSION  
FOR OVERFLIGHT AND/OR LANDING IN IRAN, TO PREVENT SUCH  
UNAUTHORIZED FLIGHTS IN THE FUTURE.  
END QUOTE

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT ALASKAN AIRLINES AND ADVISE THEM  
OF NECESSARY CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR LANDING IN IRAN.  
HELMS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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